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## JOHN HOWARD CONTINUES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY DURING COVID19 CRISIS

Through these times of uncertainty, the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton is committed to the continued support of our community and our neighbors. The health of our staff, volunteers, and clients remain our top priority, as does the continuation of our programs and services. Though our offices are closed to the public, we are continuing intakes, programming, and client communications through telephone, email, and online platforms.

"We are mindful that in these unprecedented times, our community may require extra supports to cope. So the John Howard Society is continuing all of our programming through remote services, while still maintaining a hands-on approach to servicing our clients" says Executive Director Lois Powers. "We remain committed to helping our community in any way we can, including food supports, counselling, and our continued work with local Police services, courts, and justice providers in keeping our community safe".

We love our community and we want to help. We recently donated 32 liters of hand sanitizer to Ross Memorial Hospital to aid their COVID-19 relief supports. Staff and volunteers at RMH have our unwavering support, and we are thankful for all they do for our community. We are actively involved with partner agencies throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton in ensuring that the needs of our community are being met.

We encourage anyone who is struggling to contact us at 705-328-0472 ex 931 or 1-877-328-3331. Updates can be found on our website at johnhoward.ca/Kawartha.



